

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

PAMELA STANLEY,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 4:18-CV-00507-ERW
	)	
ANDREW M. SAUL,	)	
Commissioner of Social Security,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Application for Award of Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (ECF No. 31).

Defendant has no objection to Plaintiff's request.

On October 1, 2019, the Court reversed the Commissioner's decision and remanded Plaintiff's case for further proceedings. Plaintiff now seeks attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,813.50, which represents 9 hours of attorney work at the rate of \$201.50 per hour. Defendant filed a response to Plaintiff's motion, stating he has no objection to an award of \$1,813.50 to be paid by the Social Security Administration.

In EAJA actions, the district court has the authority to award reasonable and necessary expenses associated with adjudicating a claim for social security benefits. *Kelly v. Bowen*, 862 F.2d 1333, 1335 (8th Cir. 1988). The Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to EAJA fees in the amount of \$1,813.50, payable to the Plaintiff as the prevailing party. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 593 (2010) (holding that EAJA fees are payable to the prevailing party and may be subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States).

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Application for Award of Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (ECF No. 31) is **GRANTED** in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,813.50) to be paid by the Social Security Administration. The fees should be made payable to the Plaintiff

So Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "E. Richard Webber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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E. RICHARD WEBBER  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE